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# CITY CALLS OFF WATER SQUABBLE

## Victor Area Dispute Ends

A dispute over water rights which had threatened to halt all development in the Victor Precinct area of Torrance ended abruptly this week when the city council decided to call back its edict that homes built in the area must be served by Torrance municipal water lines.

## Chamber Salutes 3 Plants

Keys to the city of Torrance were presented Tuesday to representatives of three new industries by Mayor Albert Isen at a Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting held at the American Legion Hall.

Welcomed to Torrance were Belond Industries, which will break ground here this week; Columbia Van Lines; and the Shato Equipment Co. division of Dayton Rubber Co.

Belond will build an 85,000 square foot facility to house equipment for tube bending operations, according to Bob Godfrey, vice president and general manager. The firm sponsors the Belond Special, an auto racer.

Accepting the keys for Columbia, which recently constructed a 40,000 square foot storage warehouse here, was Carl Joyce, vice president. E. M. Rothermill represented Shato Equipment Co., which specializes in individual high altitude equipment.

## Clifton Heights Says 'No' Again

Voters in the Clifton Heights and Clifton Acres areas again rejected a proposed annexation to Redondo Beach in an election held Tuesday.

The vote against the annexation was 297 to 203.

It was the fourth time the measure failed to pass. The 100-acre tract, a Los Angeles County island within the Redondo Beach city limits in the southeast section, east of Pacific Coast Highway, has 679 registered electors.

The controversy which had been in progress for nearly a year was started when the council began approving subdivision maps in the area with the condition that the tracts be served by Torrance water instead of by the Dominguez Water Corp., which has held blanket easement in the area for many years.

Councilman Robert Jahn initiated the withdrawal of the city from the running battle when he pointed out that the city's edict had made it impossible for builders to get construction loans for their projects.

Mayor Albert Isen was bitterly opposed to the move, and after Jahn's suggestion had won council approval, he asked to have the whole Dominguez dispute junked.

"LET'S PUT UP the white flag and quit the fight against this company (Dominguez) which has shown no faith in our city," Isen said.

Isen moved to drop the legal action now in progress between the city and Dominguez over service to the Southwest Park residential area north of the Victor Tract. Only Councilman George Bradford voted for the motion, however, with even Isen and his seconder, Willys Blount, voting against their own motion.

IN OTHER action, the council approved Bradford's suggestion that the city garage be placed under the jurisdiction of the director of public works. Bradford said the garage should be able to take care of the police car maintenance in the future.

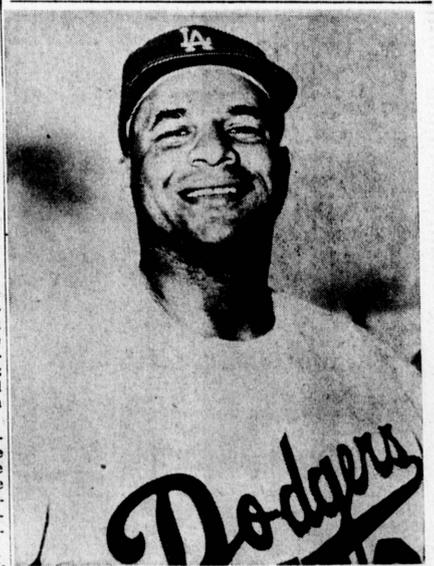
The council also agreed to continue efforts toward leasing the 9-acre airport triangle at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw, beating down moves by Councilman Bob Jahn and Jay Beasley to cancel the leasing negotiations for the time being.

## \$700 Loot Netted In 2 Burglaries

Two burglaries in North Torrance netted thieves loot valued at \$700, according to reports received by the Police Dept. Tuesday.

Stolen from a service station located at Redondo Beach Blvd. and Prairie Ave. were \$500 worth of tires.

A burglar who gained entrance to North High School through a broken window removed \$200 worth of sports equipment from the gymnasium, police stated.



DODGER HERO ROY CAMPANELLA Lends Hand in Drive for Therapy Pool

## Campy Heads Sports Fete

Roy Campanella, one of the all-time great Dodger players, is the theme selected for a gala punch-cocktail party on the evening of May 14 at the Polyneesian to further the therapy pool drive. Proceeds of the sale of tickets at \$3 will aid in the fund drive to build a \$65,000 therapy pool for handicapped children at the San Pedro school.

Making plans for the event are Mrs. James M. Hall, Mrs. Norman Cedarburg, and Mrs. George Vico of the Hollywood Riviera section. They are being assisted by a committee of volunteers. An attendance of 600 is hoped for with facilities of the rebuilt restaurant and supplies being offered free of charge.

## Mortgage Sold On Broadway Del Amo

Broadway-Hale Stores, Inc. this week sold its new store in the Del Amo Shopping Center to the New York Life Insurance Co., and simultaneously leased it back for a long-term period, it was announced today by Ward W. Ackley, mortgage loan manager.

The building has more than 200,000 square feet of floor space, Ackley stated.

## Funds for Signals

Three Torrance intersections are destined to have traffic signals installed as a result of a vote by the County Board of Supervisors this week to earmark \$15,000 in gas tax funds for that purpose.

## Fire Stations Schedule Open House on Saturday

All Torrance fire stations will hold open house Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in observance of "Fire Service Day." It was announced here yesterday by Chief J. J. Benner.

During the open house, the public will be invited to tour the main station at Carson and Crenshaw, Station No. 2 at 3373 W. 242nd St. in Walthers, Station No. 3 at 3610 W. 174th St. in North Torrance, and Station No. 4 at Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Hwy. in the Hollywood Riviera district of the city.

However, he emphasized that parents are being urged to bring their children to one of the stations. Visitors will be permitted to photograph equipment and personnel whenever practicable, Benner said. "Fire Service Day" has been designated by the governor and local officials in "recognition of the valiant efforts of the fire fighters of California."

## A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think of Day Light Savings Time?" That was the question the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked several persons in Torrance this week. Their answers and pictures appear below.

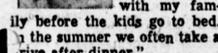
Mrs. Donald Atwood, 2722 Clarendon St., housewife:

"I think it's nice. It gives us a lot more time in the evening to get things done out in the yard."



Larry Middleton, 3645 182nd St., building supply manager:

"I think it's great. I am a family man and I enjoy having some extra daylight hours to spend with my family before the kids go to bed. In the summer we often take a drive after dinner."



Clarence F. Cole, 1605 W. 207th St., assistant postmaster, Harbor City:

"I wish they'd put the time one way or another and leave it that way. This bouncing around gets confusing."

Mrs. Mary Sonju, 1407 Greenwood Ave., housewife:

"Once the family gets used to it again, it will be fine. But the first week is always hard to get accustomed to."

Mellie Tomblin, 23301 S. Starlight Ave., housewife:

"It's a little confusing at first, but in the summer it's good to have. It makes a nice long afternoon, which gives a person extra time to spend as they please."

## 5th Annual Concert Planned by Tartars

Torrance High School's fifth annual spring music concert will be presented in the school auditorium at 8 p.m. Friday evening, May 8. It was announced this week by music instructor James Nichols.

The concert, sponsored by the school's music department, will feature five groups including the girls' glee club, the A Capella choir, high school dance band, orchestra, and concert band.

## Beauty Contest Is Called Off

Lack of entrants in the forthcoming Miss Torrance contest, a segment of the Miss America pageant, resulted this week in cancellation of the local beauty competition by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Only three Torrance beauties had entered the contest which was scheduled to take place May 6.

Vincent DiFiore directs the girls' glee club and the other organizations are under Nichols' direction.

Darel Kelley, student conductor, will lead the orchestra in one number while Gary Tierman, another student, will lead the band in another selection.

Music to be presented during the concert will include numbers from famous Broadway hits including "The Music Man," "Oklahoma," "South Pacific," and "My Fair Lady."



TO STUDY ABROAD... These Torrance students will study abroad this summer under the sponsorship of the American Field Service, it was announced here yesterday. From the left are Jerry Duncan, North High; Mary Smiley, Torrance High, and Mike Robbins, South High. Their selection has been approved by the AFS in New York. (Herald Photo)

## Three Students Chosen For Foreign Study Tour

Three Torrance high school students have been selected to study abroad this summer by the American Field Service it was announced here yesterday.

The three students — one each from the city's three high schools — will probably leave in June for their summer study tour, although they have not learned to what countries they will be sent, according to Mrs. John Melville, who made the announcement.

Winning the summer study selections were Mary Smiley, a Torrance High School junior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Smiley of 3101 Opal St.; Mike Robbins, a South High junior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Robbins, 4730 Via Corona; and Jerry Duncan, of North High, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Duncan of 18029 Ermanita Ave.

THE STUDENTS WERE selected here along with two others from each school by a screening committee of seven. Selection was made on the basis of grades, personality, and with a view to finding the

well rounded student. The New York office of the AFS made the final selection from the three nominees submitted by the local committee.

EACH OF THE students selected has been active in school affairs. Miss Smiley is a member of the Girls Athletic Assn. Scholarship Society, on the Girls League cabinet, was the sophomore class home representative last year, and has been the scholarship Society historian and vice president. In addition to her school activities, she has been active in the Young People's Fellowship at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and in the Altar Guild there.

ROBBINS has been active in football, golf, and track at

## Bite Victim Searching for Strange Boxer

The search for a female boxer that bit a Torrance woman last week is continuing as the victim now is receiving Pasteur shots as an anti-rabies protection.

Mrs. Aileen Ball, of 1317 Portola Ave., was in her backyard holding her own cocker spaniel on April 18 when the strange boxer, accompanied by two boys, came in the side yard, she reported. The dog bit the pup and took a bite out of Mrs. Ball's right hand before it ran away.

The boys were described as a lad named Danny, between the ages of six and eight, and a slightly older companion. A check of a family provided by the "Danny" clue failed to turn up the boxer, Mrs. Ball told the HERALD.

Anyone having information as to the possible identity of the dog is asked to contact Mrs. Ball at FA 8-5912, or call the County Health Office at FA 8-3310.



YOUNG ELECTROPLATER... Dave Cann, 13, Torrance High School student, and his teacher, Clyde Christianson, look over his electroplating apparatus, which was accepted for the Southern California Science Fair, which features top science work done by high school students. Dave made the apparatus himself. It will goldplate other metals, leaves, wood, paper, or any substance, Christianson said it is one of the best student jobs he has seen.